Defence production park in Kerala

1103. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:
SHRI A.VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority of Kerala has proposed a few places to set up an exclusive defence production park in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the decision taken on the above proposal;

(c) the details of defence component market to be set up, if any;

(d) the details of proposals submitted by various States for initiating defence component market if any, State-wise, category-wise, as on date; and

(e) the details of defence components market to be set up, if any, State-wise and category-wise, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Minister of Industries, Government of Kerala has made a request asking various Defence Organisations to identify suitable projects for manufacturing in hi-tech areas, by setting up a Defence Production Park, in Kerala state.

(b) Presently there is no plan to set up a Defence Production Park in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No proposal has been submitted by any state government to set up defence component market.

(e) Does not arise.

Joint Development of fighters with Moscow

1104. SHRI D.RAJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been negotiating with Moscow for joint development and joint investment in fifth generation fighters for Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a high level team from US Defence Major Lockheed Martin met top officials of Indian Air Force to convey their willingness to transfer high technology weaponry to India including its 5th generation joint strike fighter F-35; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

SHRI MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Co-development of a Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) has been identified as an important area of co-operation between the Indian and Russian Government. Technical discussions to work out the details are in progress. Efforts are on for finalizing the draft Inter Governmental Agreement in this regard.

(c) US Government has not proposed to provide a fifth generation fighter F-35 aircraft to India.